

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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352-6209

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352-4820

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352-2383

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352-4856

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352-4641

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352-4834

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352-4834

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352-4547

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352-8597



MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM

Sundays: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:00 AM, 6:00 PM (Spanish)

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00 PM

Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM

Weekdays: 8:00 AM

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (352-6209).

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office (352-4834).

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 PM

FR. BOB'S MUTTERINGS

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Respect Life Sunday**

Today is Respect Life Sunday and it is an opportunity for us to reflect on the sanctity of life and our responsibility to be true advocates of life as followers of Jesus Christ. We live in a world that often does not recognize the value and blessings of God's gift of life and our responsibility to stand up for all life. Many situations in our world today raise for us the question of how willing we are to work for the Gospel of Life. Do we choose political expediency over the life of the unborn? Do we attend to our own comforts when defenseless children need our support? Do we listen to a sermon on sanctity of life but refuse to let it change our lives? Do we see the Gospel of Life as an abstraction, not as a personal obligation? Are we guilty of not visiting our elderly parents or listening to our children? Do we refuse to pray for the man or woman on death row, or refuse to work for their lives to be spared? Do we refuse to grapple with the moral dimensions of embryonic stem cell research? Do we truly work for the Gospel of Life? Do we work to save the little one whom everyone else defrauds? Do we just sit back and wait for someone else to do it all for us? These are all tough words and questions. The answers God will look for in our hearts and actions. What will God find when He looks into yours?

Eucharistic Adoration

Tomorrow, October 2, 2006, St. Cletus Parish will have our first Monday day of Adoration followed by Benediction. Adoration will begin after the 8:00am Mass and continue until 6:45pm when it will end with evening prayer and Benediction. I encourage all parishioners that are able to spend a half hour in prayer with the Lord. Adoration will take place within the parish every first Monday of the month and is dedicated to a commitment to spiritual renewal within our parish and for world peace. Please note that when we have a funeral or a school Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be placed in repose during that period and then returned to the altar for exposition at the conclusion of the event to continue Adoration.

Saturday Morning Mass

Beginning with the first Saturday of October we will be having morning Mass at 8:00am each Saturday. October 7, 2006 is the first Saturday of October and will be the first time we again offer Mass on Saturday mornings. We will continue every Saturday morning from this date forward. Once again I encourage our participation in this opportunity to gather around the table of the Lord as His people and be fed on the Eucharist.

*May God Always Bless You and Keep You Faithful to the Gospel,
Father Bob*

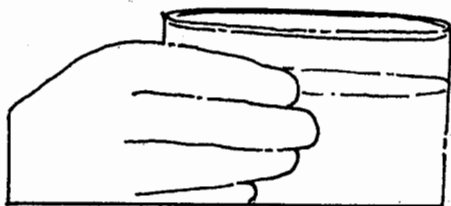


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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2006

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
— Psalm 19:8

Whoever gives
you a cup of water
to drink because
of Christ
will be rewarded



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK October 1, 2006

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Encounter God through Reading Scripture!

Respect Life

Most of us probably take for granted (at least some of the time) that we are created, loved and redeemed by God. Yet, even though we are distracted by the noise and activities of daily life, we need to make time to reflect on this central truth. In their wisdom, the U.S. Catholic Bishops have given us an opportunity to do just that. Today is designated as Respect Life Sunday and for the entire month of October the bishops ask us to reevaluate what we are doing to ensure that all life is respected from conception to natural death. Most of us, even if we slip up more often than we care to admit, understand the need to work with charities serving those in need, whether we do so by donating our time or our money.

But we are called to do more. *Talk* about the value of human life and the sacredness of human dignity can become empty platitudes unless we *act* on our convictions. No amount of good social policy -- as vitally important as it is -- can make up for bad policies concerning the protection of life itself. Without the fundamental right to live, no other rights are meaningful.

Pope Benedict reminds us in *God Is Love* that, as Catholics, we are called to make God's love present in the world. How can we do this? We can start by considering ways to speak up, speak out, write, vote or get involved in awareness campaigns. Each one of us -- even those with whom we strongly disagree -- are priceless in the eye's of God. It is up to us to participate in building a society that protects and respects every human life and better reflects our status as children of God.

October is Respect Life Month

This Sunday afternoon, the **annual Life Chain** will be held across the United States, from 2:30 to 3:30pm. As in past years, St. Cletus Parishioners will join those from St. Barbara, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross and other local churches of Berwyn, Lyons, Brookfield, La Grange and Western Springs to take part in the Ogden Avenue Chain.

All you have to do is show up at Ogden and La Grange Road at 2:30pm, pick up your sign and stand (or bring a lawn chair) in silence along Ogden Avenue for one hour.

Life Chain is a lawful, silent, powerful, peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life. Tell your friends about it, bring your family, and join us in prayer as we **STAND UP FOR LIFE!...this Sunday afternoon...(there is no Bear's game this afternoon...so please come and stand with other St. Cletus Parishioners for an hour...)**

Wayne & Marianne Hamilton
Respect Life Committee

Welcome Sunday Next Weekend

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, October 7/8, after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am Sunday Masses.

Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members.

Eucharistic Adoration...

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every *first Monday of the month beginning October 2*. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00 morning Mass and continues in the church until Solemn Benediction and Evening Prayer at 6:45.

We need volunteers to be present in the church during this time of exposition. Sign-up sheets are available in the church vestibule today. Please give of your time in stewardship and adoration of the Lord.

Attention Leisure Loafers!

What: Thursday, October 5 meeting
Where: Morrissey Hall
Time: 1:00pm
For: Short meeting, refreshments followed by Bingo

Have fun and some camaraderie away from home for several hours. Hope to see you there!

Mary White

Holy Name

Our next meeting will be Friday, October 6, at 8:00pm, in Room 201 of the Education Building. Our main topic of conversation will be the "Hank Maday" turkey raffle. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. New members are always welcome! We meet the first Friday of the month.

Dan Gibbons

Calling All Pets

On Saturday, October 7, at 1:00pm, ALL are invited to bring your pets to the grassy area behind the church for a special pet blessing, through the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi.

We will begin with a prayer service, then invite you to bring your special pet to one of the priests for an individual blessing.

Reminder to Parents of Year 2 Confirmation Candidates

Please don't forget the "Parents Only" meeting which is scheduled for this Wednesday, October 4, 7:00pm, in Room 201 of the Education Building. This meeting will be brief, but most important. We will discuss this year's schedule, program expectations, overnight retreat, service, and choosing Sponsors and Confirmation names. I'm looking forward to seeing you then!

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Make a Difference!

Put on your waling shoes and join your family, friends and neighbors to help stop hunger, step by step! The area CROP Walk against hunger is Sunday, October 15.

Please Pray for

... our sick in your prayers: Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Matesevac, Mary Pogar, Lorraine Waszak, Joanne Mate, Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, Andy Rasch, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Robert Frost, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Louis Caesario, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Virginia Tenerelli, Agnes Olszowka, Judy Hofstetter, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolicki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass. If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory office (708-352-6209).

Community Nutrition Network

...located at 712 E. Elm in La Grange in the Oars (Older Adults Rehabilitation Service) Building desperately needs volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors. Anyone interested in donating an hour or two a week can contact Francine at (708) 547-5600, ext. 303.

**Women's Wellness Event
"Aging with Grace"**

This special program for women is sponsored by Little Company of Mary Health Education Centers. This program includes comprehensive blood screenings, blood oxygen level, other screenings and a continental breakfast, all for a cost of \$50 (\$350 value). The event will take place in Café 95 of Little Company of Mary Hospital and Care Centers on November 4, 7:30-11:30am.

Questions? Call 708.423.5774. Reservations are required by October 20.

**Exercise: Getting Beyond Just Thinking About It
Lauren Rapacki, MS**

Join Lauren, fresh from her training at the world-renowned University of Northern Colorado Cancer Rehabilitation Institute, to learn about the benefits of making exercise a part of a healthy lifestyle plan. There's no better way to start than next weekend at the Rotary Run/Walk for Wellness House! Saturday, October 7, 10:00am-Noon. If you need more information/registration, please call 630-323-5150 or on-line at www.wellnesshouse.org.

Gratitude

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.

-Cicero

Anointing of the Sick

*The St Cletus Parish Family will celebrate the **Sacrament of Anointing** during a special 12:30pm Mass on Sunday, October 8. We encourage parishioners to bring their family, friends and neighbors who might be in need of the healing-graces of this sacrament. If you are unable to attend the Mass and would like to be anointed, please call (708) 352-4834. A reception will follow in the foyer of the church.*

Please fill out the registration form below and return it to the rectory office or drop it in the collection basket. Questions? Call Dolores Wouk in the Ministry of Care Office at (708)352-4834.

Please Print All Information

Name(s) of those to be anointed _____


Address _____

City _____ Phone # _____

Do you need transportation? YES _____ NO _____

Stewardship

Stewardship reminds us to count our blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to us and express thanks to the Lord by a proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure.

September 24		
Budgeted revenue:		\$29,061
Collection Received:		25,428
Shortfall last week:	-	3,633
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	-	39,092
# of envelopes mailed:		3,187
# of envelopes returned:		885

Collection for the Church in Latin America:
\$ 1,637

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember, using your envelope allows you to place your gift in the collection basket in a consistent manner. It also allows the parish the latitude to budget effectively. Supplementary offering envelopes are available in the pews each week

Please Note:

Many parishioners have elected to have their weekly Sunday offering contribution debited out of their checking account once or twice a month. If you would like more information, contact Bobbie at the rectory office, (708) 352-6209.

If you are leaving our parish or have a change of address/phone number, we ask you to please let us know. Thank you.

Please Support Our Advertisers:

We encourage you to patronize the businesses using our bulletin for advertising. Please tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin.

The Cross in the Loop

Please join fellow parishioners who work in downtown Chicago for a monthly Mass and Lunch at the Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson Blvd. The Noon Mass, 12:30pm Luncheon and Presentation, are sponsored by St. John of the Cross Parish and cosponsored by St. Francis Xavier Parish and St. Cletus Parish. Dates are as follows:

Wednesday, October 4:

Fr. John Hoffman, Presider/Presenter TBA

Thursday, November 2:

Fr. Rich Hynes, Presider/Presenter TBA

Wednesday, December 6:

Fr. Louis Cameli, Presider/Presenter

Reservations are limited. Cost is \$29 per person. For more information or to make a reservation, call St. John of the Cross at (708) 292-1100.

Teresa of Avila Requests the Honor of Your Presence

Teresa the "wild woman of Avila," is one of the most intriguing women in church history. Join Susan Lautenbach at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, on Wednesday, October 18, from 6:00 to 9:00pm for an exciting exploration of the life and spirituality of this most famous Doctor of the Church. Cost: \$45/person includes a sumptuous dinner featuring an authentic Spanish fare. Please preregister by October 11. Call the Spiritual Center at (630) 969-4141 to register. The Center is located at 8433, Bailey Rd., Darien.

The Women's Center

October has been designated "Respect Life" month. Since abortion was decriminalized, all human life had been devalued and euthanasia is promoted. We need to get back to the moral principle that all life is sacred from conception to natural death.

We need volunteers to provide after-hours phone coverage from your home. Training for this and Counseling Office volunteers will be on October 21, 28 and November 4 at our Cicero office. Call Katie at (773) 794-8807.

Caring for Our Hearts

“Be careful not to seek yourself in love, you can end up with a broken heart that way.”

Therese of Lisieux wrote that. But what exactly does she mean, given that most of the time love will break our hearts anyway if we're not seeking ourselves.

The heart breaks in different ways. It can break in a way that softens, purifies, and stretches it in love and selflessness, or it can break in a way that makes it bitter, jealous, and cold. Heartbreaks can be warm or cold and, either way, the pain will bring us to our knees and that moment will define us, one way or the other. Let's look at an example.

At the end of Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables*, there's a particularly poignant scene where Jean Val Jean, now an old man, is praying in a inordinately lonely moment. It's the evening of his adopted daughter's wedding, a celebration he is unable to attend. He is on his knees, painfully alone, physically ill, emotionally drained, and acutely aware that the young woman who has brought so much joy and meaning to his life will now be drawing her life from someone else. Indeed she is dancing and celebrating at this very moment when his grief in losing her is so great.

But despite the pain, his heart is at peace, joyful even, at the knowledge that the young man she has fallen in love with and is marrying will provide her with the very joy that he, as her father, could not give her. In the moment of his deepest loss, he is able to be happy for her and to withdraw quietly without bitterness into that self-effacement and solitude that loss and aging eventually ask of us all. As his heart is breaking, he blesses and lets go, knowing that what is most important, his daughters' happiness, is assured and that, given the mystery of love, his own relationship to his daughter is ensured by his gracefully letting go.

That's one example of a heart breaking, in a good way. The opposite is the heartbreak we experience when we lose somebody and our hearts freeze over in jealousy and bitterness. What that bitterness and coldness reveal in fact is that, all along, it was not the other's well-being we had been seeking, but our own. The proof is that now, when we can no longer be the primary relationship in that other person's life, we no longer really wish him or her well. Indeed, not so subtle is the wish that a certain

unhappiness will befall that other, so that he or she will know that it was a mistake to no longer remain primarily invested in us.

That's the antithesis of the blessing we see at the end of *Les Miserables* where Jean Val Jean, despite the pain of his own loss, can rejoice that someone else can be a more powerful instrument of happiness, than he in his daughter's life. He can be happy because his love is for his daughter, not for himself.

Notice what underlies a murder-suicide. There is a broken heart, but when it breaks a rage spews forth that reveals that, all along, the love has not been for the other but for oneself. The cold truth becomes clear: If I can't be the main person in her life, nobody will be! Better her dead, than without me! What kind of love has this been along the way.

We replicate this in subtle ways: Indeed many of the tears we shed are cried not for others but for ourselves. We may think we're crying about someone else's pain, but, more often than not, what is revealed in our tears is more our own possessiveness than our compassion, more our own brokenness than the wounds over which we think we are weeping. In our tears, just as in love, we are often unconsciously seeking ourselves.

We replicate this too, more than we think, in our good deeds and generosity towards others. We can be generous, big-hearted, self-sacrificing, and helpful, as long as we are assured that we are needed, that we are important, that nobody else can quite provide what we are giving. But, should we one day find out that someone else has arrived who is wanted more than we are, we can very quickly become cool and distant, resentful even, because someone else is providing a help and a happiness instead of us, perhaps healthier and deeper than ours. The resentment we feel betrays that, to a large measure, what we were seeking in our generosity was ourselves, not someone else's happiness.


All of this, of course, can be even more painfully true when we fall in love and experience the heartaches and heartbreaks that go with that.

And so a doctor's warning, a health warning, a fair warning: *“Be careful not to seek yourself in love, you can end up with a broken heart that way.”*

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
October 2 - October 8**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Adam & Marie Pietrzak, Linda Felice, Velma Gartland, Therese Condon
Tuesday	8:00am	Frances Ference, Angela Clifford, Adam Wyczolkowski, Alice Stoinski
Wednesday	8:00am	Brian Luczak, Mildred Vendegna, Catherine Fregeau, Stella Kadlec
Thursday	8:00am	Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family, Jack Lewis
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Joseph J. Idzik, Nan Rettig, Karen Gorak, Joseph Megla, Frances Stefanski, Celeste Klees, James Bratsos
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Purgatorial Society - Agatha Glogowski Stanley Pawlowicz, Frances Stefanski, Michelle Guide
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 12:30pm	Joseph Thomas Hickey, Joseph & Kay Klemec Sophie Klein, Elizabeth Anne Woodhull Virginia Shepler Audrey Bickerstaff, Eugene H. Lynn Mass of Anointing

Altar Servers 

- October 7/8**
 5:00pm - K. Baro, M. Micek, S. Lenz
 7:00am - J. Babirak, A. Kison, P. Oboikovitz
 8:00am - D. DeLaurentis, M. King, E. Mrazek
 9:30am - C. McCollom, A. Condotti, K. Caplice
 11:00am - C. Madden, K. Kelliher, H. Heim
 12:30pm - A. Pusatera, G. Valdes, M. King

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:
 ...Bill McCullom, father of John McCullom
 ...Thomas Rohrbacher, father of John
 ...Thomas Sheridan, husband of Irene
 ...Michael Alfred Arpaia

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, October 07, 2006

- 5:00 PM**
 LR Chlopecka, Rick-
 SM Benkert, Kim C1 Kessler, Trudi-
 B2 Andrews, Diane- C2 Guide, Alfreda-
 B3 Kensek, Maggie- C3 Richards, Marge-
 B4 Benkert, John C4 Benkert, Kim
 B5 Bozec, Betty C5 Bamberger, Mary
 B6 Deloloye, Joe- C6 Hockman, Susan

- 9:30 AM**
 LR DalPorto, Christine
 SM Opila, Margo C1 DalPorto, Karen
 B2 Maday, Josephine- C2 Keating-Gay, Sus
 B3 Smith, David C3 Smith, Paul
 B4 Opila, Andy C4 Opila, Margo
 B5 Meuwissen, Jean- C5 Stumreiter, Earl-
 B6 Haggerty, Frank- C6 Mulderink, Ken-

Sunday, October 08, 2006

- 7:00 AM**
 LR Bellisario, Janet
 SM McCartney, Sandra-
 B2 McCartney, Sandra-
 B3 Nault, Helen-
 B4 Fahey, Ann-
 B5 Mezan, Mary Ann
 B6 Loch, Len-



- 8:00 AM**
 LR Okkema, Peter
 SM Welch, Jerry- C1 Okkema, Ann
 B2 Micek, Dan C2 Micek, Judy
 B3 Anfield, Therese- C3 Ghera, Alicja
 B4 Kuchla, Ann- C4 Welch, Jerry-
 B5 Thuma, Mary- C5 Warren, Catherin
 B6 Zaremba, Elizabeth C6 Hogue, Kay-

Even our brothers and sisters who find themselves in the clinical condition of a "vegetative state" retain their human dignity in all its fullness. The loving gaze of God the Father continues to fall upon them, acknowledging them as his sons and daughters, especially in need of help.

John Paul II, Address to the Participants in the International Congress on Life-Sustaining Treatments and Vegetative State, March 20, 2004

Wedding Banns 
 Cathy Carroll and Dominic Hernandez

Baptism
 This Past Week We Welcomed...Hannah Marie Kallal to Our Parish Family.